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Solid Waste One Step Closer to Leaving LeClair's

MATT RITTENHOUSE **Tri-Town Times**

CHESTER – The board solid waste removal at LeClair's Garage last week but are waiting to award the inated junkyard at 400 Fremuch anticipated work.

The high and low bid are separated by a little over \$10,000 and the selectmen at their May 24 meeting not released. Low to high asked building inspector/ code enforcement officer Thom Roy, who has been heading up the town's response to the junkyard, to site has been a contaminabreak out the information tion presence for decades, contained in the bids for further review. Of some concern was the amount of insurance each company

The Request for Propos-

al for the job stipulates that in years past. the above-ground debris is to be removed. While the selectmen had discussed of selectmen oversaw the removing the buildings on by the town for their part in opening of four bids for site as well, that work has been postponed.

Roy toured the contammont Road with nine companies, but just four bid those contaminants had mithe job.

Company names were bid order is as follows: \$28,800, \$36,885, \$38,400 and \$39,200.

Though the LeClair's this year's efforts at removing its pollutants, and mitigating any further environhealth risk, have been progressing more rapidly than

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Owner Lorette LeClair and her son Wayne LeClair have been successfully sued allowing the approximately two-acre property to become contaminated by a host of automobile-related fluids. Studies found that grated and impacted the bedrock into surrounding drinking water wells.

One of those wells prompted the recent press for clean up, including a state Department of Environmental Services-led removal of all liquids and some soil on site earlier this year. Neighbors Jodi and Charlie Mitchell's well was mental harm or human found to contain 1200 micrograms per liter of

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During Sandown's Memorial Day service, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Kevin Major invited all members of the United States' armed forces, past and present, to be recognized for their sacrifices. Photo by Matt Rittenhouse

Hampstead School Board Erupts Over Assistant Principal Hiring

PENNY WILLIAMS **Tri-Town Times**

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School Board was vocal in its displeasure over how communication regarding Central School Assistant Principal Jennifer Scarpati's acceptance of a job as Principal at Amherst Street Elementary School in Nashua for next school year was handled. Scarpati has resigned from the Hampstead position she has held for the last

Winfried Feneberg, knowing of Scarpati's impending resignation, posted the job not being notified in an on educational websites before he notified the School Board regarding Scarpati's decision. Most of the School Board learned about Scarpati's planned departure af- she was upset that until the ter his posting of the job, time of the May 22 meeting,

and on Tuesday evening, May 22, the board erupted with emotion and anger over the way the matter was handled.

Feneberg had notified Board Chairwoman Iudy Graham, who then notified board member Natalie Gallo, who was to inform the rest of the board. The other board members learned of the situation either before or during the same time frame, but not necessarily from Feneberg, who had planned to make the an-Assistant Superintendent nouncement at the May 22 meeting.

Gallo complained about appropriate manner, and board member Jave Dimando described the way the information was handled as "unprofessional." She said

she still had not been informed of the situation by anyone in administration.

Feneberg defended his action, saying his job is to handle the hiring of personnel and that in the past, the board had not had an issue with him following the same pattern he followed with Scarpati. He said that because the assistant principal's position was in the budget, he acted on the assumption it would be filled.

The board launched into an emotional discussion of why it was upset and angry over not being notified before Feneberg took action. Resident Lisa Price said the voters of Hampstead had supported the budget and the assistant principal's position was in the budget and that was what they expected, but board member Jim Stew-

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Sandown Tallies New Hampshire's War Dead

MATT RITTENHOUSE **Tri-Town Times**

SANDOWN - Sandown's Memorial Day service isn't about politicians' speeches or flag waving and wreath dedications. It's the kind of service that shows that those in attendance know the sacrifices of the men and women who died in America's wars and are both saddened by and grateful for them.

About 200 people attended the service Monday afternoon. It started with a parade down Main Street from the Train Depot to the town hall and then to the Center Cemetery. At Town Hall, children placed flags at the war monument before the parade continued on its way.

The Timberlane Middle School Marching Band accompanied the walkers. Members of the Sandown Fire Department served as honor guard.

At the cemetery, a short speech from State Rep. and selectmen Jim Devine and a letter from Congressman Frank Guinta, R-1st Dist. NH, were presented. And all of those who are serving or who have served in the branches of the U.S. military were thanked and asked to come forward to

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School Board Challenges Teacher-Student Ratios

PENNY WILLIAMS **Tri-Town Times**

HAMPSTEAD - Responding to a request from the School Board for studentteacher ratios, Assistant the total number of K-8 stu-Superintendent Winfried Feneberg supplied the board with data noting that the ratios vary, depending upon the cohort. Board member Jim Stewart, however, said there is only one way to view the ratios, and setting aside Special Education students, it can be obtained by dividing the number of students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 by the number of certified lows: teachers.

Using Stewart's plan, that results in a ratio of 13 students to 1 teacher.

The information supplied by Feneberg on enrollment for Hampstead Central School and Hampstead Middle School as of April 2012, and the teacher counts for the 2011-2012 school year, gave information on regular education 27 to 1. classroom teachers, regular

specialists, and pre-school teachers.

"The listed studentteacher ratio results from dents divided by teachers in the respective categories," Feneberg said.

The student population is as follows:

- Preschool, 43.
- Central School, 470.
- Hampstead Middle School, 422
 - Total K-8, 892.
- Total K-8 and Preschool, 935.

The teacher count fol-

- Regular Education Classroom Teachers, 43.5 - resulting in a ratio of 21 to 1.
- Specialists, 22 resulting in a ratio of 41 to 1.
- Special Education Teachers and Specialists, 28.9 resulting in a ratio of 5 to 1 (based on a Special Education population of 137).
- Preschool Teachers, 1.6 - resulting in a ratio of

Feneberg said for the up-

education specialists, spe- coming 2012-2013 school board any data demonstratcial education teachers and year, due to the scheduled reduction in force, the total number of teachers will be reduced by four to a total of 92. During the 2010-11 school year, the total number of teachers was 98.7. He said the reduction in staff over the three past school years has been greater than the reduction in the student population.

> In other business at the May 22 meeting:

> • Central School Principal Dillard Collins discussed the full day Kindergarten class that was designated a Gift of a Year for the 6-year-old kids who were in need of Readiness and 5year-olds who were mature enough to benefit from the all-day program. Eight 6year olds and ten 5-year olds are in the program, with the parents of the 5year-olds paying \$4,000 tuition. The students receive math, reading, science and social studies, as well as Unified Arts such as music, art and physical education.

> > Collins didn't give the

ing that this approach has believe the schools were in estimated the amount would proven beneficial to the stu- the business of earning a dents, but said the parents are very supportive of it.

Stewart asked how Collins arrived at the \$4,000 tuition figure, and Collins said it was based loosely on other programs and school tuition rates for similar programs. Stewart wanted the rate justified, showing that it paid for the cost of the program and made a profit for the school district, and was supported in this demand by Budget Committee member Matt hard look be taken at the program to see its budget implications.

Feneberg said he didn't profit.

- Manager George Stokinger told the board the 2012-2013 tuition rates for non-Hampstead students would be as follows:
 - Kindergarten, \$8,000.
 - Elementary, \$ 16,400.
- \$32,700.

The board voted unanimously to accept the tuition

Murphy, who asked that a board that as of that date, the Hampstead School District has a surplus of \$1,125,937.

"At the Deliberative, we be \$1,026,000," he said.

The surplus is derived • School Administrative from salaries that were paid by Unit (SAU) 55 Business EdJobs grant, open positions and turnovers (\$210,000); benefits (\$24,000); student transportation (\$74,900); Regular Education tuition at Pinkerton Academy, with lower enrollment (\$291,900); Special Education enroll-· Special Education, ment with fewer out-of-district placements (\$287,800); utilities (\$109,000); and \$20,000 from other sources, for a total of \$1,017,600 in • Stokinger also told the savings, and revenues of \$62,900 from tuition and \$45,437 from Catastrophic Aid, resulting in the total surplus amount of \$1,125,937.

Assistant Principal

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art pointed out that Scarpati's departure provides an opportunity to assess things and reduce the budget.

The board unanimously accepted Scarpati's resignation with regret and wished her well in her new position next fall. Feneberg recommended the board replace her.

"There is no excessive administration in the Hampstead schools," he said. "The Assistant Principal position is not a luxury - this is a hard, self-probing look at two-person job, and it filling an open administra- issue at a later date.

would be misguided to just do the minimum in this capacity. I strongly urge you to replace her."

The board discussion remained heated, with Gallo reminding Feneberg that the board is his boss and telling him he was remiss in not notifying the whole board in an appropriate manner.

Gallo said with a number of costly issues on the information regarding the horizon, "we need to take a

tion staff position." Dimando refused to consider the issue but board member Greg Hoppa made a motion to fill the Assistant Principal position.

The board voted 1 to 4 against the motion, with Hoppa the only member voting to fill the open position. While this technically closes the door to replacing Scarpati, the board members after the vote continued discussing their desire for more role of assistant principals. The board can revisit the

Hampstead Police Officer Suspended

PENNY WILLIAMS **Tri-Town Times**

HAMPSTEAD – Hampstead Police Officer Kathleen Boulter has been placed on Administrative Suspension while State Police and the Attorney General's Office investigate Chief Joe Beaudoin placed

occurred on Main Street in Hampstead early Monday tion, which is being hanmorning, May 21.

John Frazier confirmed that stead officer. Boulter is on paid leave following a domestic incident. made and Frazier provided

a domestic incident that Boulter on administrative leave during the investigadled by the State Police Hampstead Police Lt. because Boulter is a Hamp-

No arrests have been Frazier said he and no other details.



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Last Push to Focus on Local Superintendent Candidates Defeated

PENNY WILLIAMS **Tri-Town Times**

An attempt to derail the almost signed and sealed contract between SAU (School Administrative Unit) 55 and NESDEC for a Timberlane/ Hampstead superintendent search failed May 17.

Hampstead School Board member Jim Stewart offered a motion at the May 17 SAU board meeting to set aside the NESDEC - New Eng-

land School Development spend a couple of weeks in- and Danville. Council - plan for a national search and instead interview internal candidates first. Stewart said he was motivated by continued reference to a "shallow pool" of candidates, especially in light of the cross training of internal candidates and a history of promotion from within.

"Before we go to the expense of bringing in external candidates, can we

terviewing and looking at our internal candidates," he ready to submit, and Hampstead board members Gregg Hoppa and Judy Graham supported his proposal, but several Timberlane School Board members spoke up in opposition, along with Hampstead board member Natalie Gallo. The Timberlane district covers Sandown, Plaistow, Atkinson

dent Richard La Salle, who asked. He had a motion is leaving the district June 30, suggested delaying the national search until January, when he said there would be a better pool of candidates. He suggested someone from within could easily carry out the duties on an interim basis and provide stability. The board did not find this suggestion per-

Timberlane Superinten- ber Nancy Steenson said she authorized chairman Mike was not comfortable going Mascola to sign the contract back, and stated unequivocally that she wanted to stick with the plan already voted on. She said she to get an internal candidate and Peter Bealo from Timinto the job and she was changing the plan.

The motion was put to a new contract. vote and was overwhelm-

Timberlane board mem- ingly defeated. The board with NESDEC for the search.

In other business:

• Board members Jave sensed a strong movement Dimando from Hampstead berlane volunteered to opposed to that. Others also research the current superspoke in opposition to intendent's contract, in preparation for developing a

Session Offered on Filing for Property Tax Relief

6:30 p.m., the Sandown Hampshire Homeowners Public Library will host a Property Tax Relief," and free program offered by offers assistance with New Rockingham Community Action for New Hampshire property taxpayers eligible line of June 30. Information for tax relief through form will be offered to help resi-DP-8.

The program is titled Moderate Income Home-

Hampshire REV Form DP-8, which has a filing deaddent learn about the Low &

available annually.

Homeowners who qualify must have a principal residence in New Hampshire, have lived in their home since April 1, 2011, have a total household income of \$20,000 or less if single or \$40,000 or less if married or with Assessed Value; proper-

On Thursday, June 7, at "Finding Dollars: New owners Property Tax Relief, head of a New Hampshire ty tax credit or exemption household, and file a claim by June 30.

> For assistance in completing Form DP-8, bring a copy of the December property tax bill, showing "net" assessed value, and/or a Property Assessment Card

adult members of the household), Social Security numdocuments, if applicable.

For more information, amounts, a copy of your contact Katherine B. Fre-2011 Federal Income Tax dette, VITA Tax Site & Asset Return (and returns for all Development Coordinator at Rockingham Community Action, via email at kfreber, and any deed or trust dette@rcaction.org or by phone at 430-4934.

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MtBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether), a solid 1187 micrograms over the state groundwater quality standard.

The town recently re-

moved approximately 19,000 tires from the site at a cost of \$18,000.

The town has \$892.517 in civil court settlements with the LeClairs but little faith that the money will be

Poor Attendance at Police Commi

PENNY WILLIAMS **Tri-Town Times**

HAMPSTEAD - The turnout at the Police Building Committee meeting for the second month in a row was a disappointment, with members. Board of Selectonly three committee members out of 10 showing up, along with one person who Lindquist reminded Londri-"is thinking about" joining the committee.

The committee is pro- tee must submit letters of moting the building of a new police station in town.

Chairman Steve Londrigan expressed frustration at the May 23 meeting, noting that he had contacted all the men liaison Sean Murphy and Selectwoman Priscilla gan that members who have resigned from the commit-

resignation.

Londrigan asked the selectmen about the Town's Social Media Policy and decided the committee should make sure the selectmen approve of the committee's website and Facebook page. The members present discussed linking the committee's web page to the Police Department and the Town

websites, and Londrigan said he would check with Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Sally Theriault about this.

Lindquist explained to the committee about the newly initiated Town Facilities Committee and encouraged the committee to have a member join. Anyone interested is urged to contact the Selectmen's Office.



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Editorial

Saving History

We've just celebrated Memorial Day, a time when we recall those who have sacrificed their lives to keep future generations free. From the beaches of Normandy to the Civil War battlefields, museums and monuments and annual ceremonies commemorate the deeds and people who have gone before so that those who come after can learn from them.

The work of those preserving local history is far less dramatic, but remembering and preserving our town's stories carries importance as well.

That's why it's sad to see the dearth of young and middle-aged people in most local historical societies. The diligence of those devoted to preserving an individual town's history is commendable, but in most cases, it falls to the older residents to take on that role, while younger people go on with their lives, often unaware of the striking historical facts that came together to make up their home town.

History offers a great lesson to us. To study the past is to know the future - we all know the phrase "history repeats itself" - and being involved in preserving a town's heritage offers us guidance about why things are the way they are today.

If you live in an antique house, you probably already have researched pre-

vious owners. But in New England, we all live in historical communities - and what better way to find out their stories than by volunteering at your local historical society or museum.

Volunteering for your community is one of the most important - and potentially most satisfying - things a person can do. And spending those volunteer hours with a local historical society enables residents to network with others who share similar interests, and brings a better understanding of a town's uniqueness that many people never get to know.

It's also a chance for different age groups to work together for a common - and non-threatening - goal: making sure that future generations of residents understand what has gone on before to create the town that we know today.

Did a now-long-gone train bring big-city residents to summer at the lake? Did industry play a role in settling specific areas of town? The answers can be found in town history.

What we do today will be history tomorrow. Helping out to preserve the past links us both to those who have gone before, and those who will come afterward. That's a reassuring thought in today's rapidly changing world

Letters

Superintendent Search

To the editor:

The SAU 55 School Board (Hampstead and Timberlane school districts) has engaged the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) to assist in the search for a new Superintendent of Schools. An integral part of this process involves parent and community participation by way of focus groups.

These groups are designed to obtain participant input about the attributes, experience and knowledge that the new superintendent should possess. These groups also provide an opportunity for participants to identify immediate tasks they deem the new superintendent should address.

Each group session will last approximately 1-1/2 hours. Separate focus group sessions will be held for local officials and community members, senior citizens, and parents of students and will be conducted as follows:

- Local officials and community members will meet Wednesday, June 6, at 7 p.m. at the Timberlane Regional High School, Plaistow.
- Senior citizens will meet Wednesday, June 6, at 3 p.m. at the Vic Geary Senior Center, Plaistow.
- Parents of students will meet Thursday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at Timberlane Regional High School.

Registration for the Focus Groups is not required. The SAU 55 School Board and NESDEC hope that many parents, seniors and community members will be able to participate. Questions about this initiative may be directed to SAU Board Chair Michael Mascola at 475-2039 or to mmascola@gmail.com.

Cathy Belcher Secretary, SAU 55 Plaistow

Bettencourt Problems

To the editor:

This weekend, as I read the numerous accounts of House Majority Leader DJ Bettencourt's (R-Salem) falsification of records related to his law school internship, I found I had mixed emotions. This turn of events bodes especially worrisome for Bettencourt's future, but it also serves as a warning to all of us who vote and send others to represent us in Concord.

was sadness for a seemingly bright young man's terrible mistake and how it will likely haunt him for the rest of his life. I have always heard a lot of talk in church about the concept of "forgiveness," but in public life that concept long ago morphed first into "forgetfulness" and then ultimately both concepts were displaced by the internet, where politicians' sins remain forever unforgiven and unforgettable.

I never agreed with Bettencourt on any political issue, but I did see his presence on the Republican leadership team as a potential inspiration to young people who might otherwise have had no interest in public service. As it is, a significant portion of our legislature already looks too much like a retirement home.

Now, in part because of Bettencourt, voters may be more inclined to overlook intelligence, energy, and hope as desirable attributes if a candidate projects youth and inexperience.

This is not good for either party because it post-pones preparation for the future and skews the demographics in Concord in a way that may not reflect the makeup of the state's population.

New Hampshire's longstanding tradition of having "citizen legislators" instead

of professional politicians serving in Concord is a worthy ideal, but the last two years in particular have revealed the concomitant presented by dangers awarding those jobs to amateurs. Both parties need to do a thorough job of recruiting and vetting people before putting them on the ballot. The parties really are our first line of defense against incompetence in Concord.

I am troubled by the statement of Speaker O'Brien in the wake of revelations about Bettencourt's behavior. Rather than an appropriate rebuke, he essentially offered praise.

This is but the latest in a long string of missed opportunities to acknowledge mistakes and refocus his caucus on principled behavior. It is worth noting that Bettencourt's first nouncement of his resignation made no mention of the unethical behavior he had apparently already confessed privately to colleagues. It did mention his next employer, an organization that touts the Speaker as a board member.

The less than candid explanation for his decision, along with setting the first date of his resignation to occur after important legislative priorities were dealt with, leaves the impression that the Speaker may have had a hand in the way the message was shaped and the timeline of events was established.

If the Speaker and others were willing to soft pedal such egregious behavior for political expedience, then our problem is not just with youthful inexperience, but even more alarmingly it lies with Bettencourt's mentors.

Andrew Weir Hampstead



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Chester Remembers War Dead at Cemetery Ceremony



Chester Troop 163 Boy Scout Spencer Grindrod lays a wreath in dedication to the country's war dead. Rev. Beverly Lindsey dedicated the wreath during the Chester Lions Club annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Village Cemetery. Photo by Matt Rittenhouse MATT RITTENHOUSE **Tri-Town Times**

CHESTER - The morning of Memorial Day saw many visitors to the Village Cemetery, all paying tribute to those who fought and died in the country's wars. The group was led in a service by the Chester Lions Club in front of the Revolutionary War Memorial.

Though the center of town is busy with traffic, passing motorists attempted to keep the noise down as onlookers listened to speakers and songs.

The Lions hold the service each year to make sure the town has an official way to remember those who have given their lives in war. Before outlining ways to mark the day, the Lions program states, "Often we do not observe the day as it should be, a day where we actively remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved

friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice."

State Representative Gene Charron, R-Chester, a regular at the annual ceremony, echoed that idea. He spoke of the sacrifices of those who have served and are serving the country and the importance of taking time to think of their many sacri-

Charron also read a letter from Congressman Frank Guinta, R-1st Dist. NH.

Charlie Lindsey followed with a rendition of "America, the Beautiful."

Leslie Packard, representing both the Lions and American Legion Post 108, colored red with poppies.

"By that miracle of poppy became a symbol of none had died in vain," said Packard. She went on to Flanders Fields," teacher Honor Guard for the service. Moina Michaels sought a those who died in battle and teacher Kurt Schweiss established what has been a played "Taps" and its echo lasting way to show that as the flag was lowered to told the history of the they are remembered. Each half mast and raised again.

ones, our neighbors, and our poppy, a lasting symbol of year around Memorial Day, Memorial Day. Packard said the Veterans of Foreign that in World War I, sol- Wars and American Legion diers returned home with Auxiliary distribute millions stories of barren battlefields of crepe paper poppies to continue that remembrance.

Reverend Beverly Lindnature, the spirit of their lost sey of Chester Congregacomrades lived on. The tional Baptist Church led the group in the invocation, the sacrifices of war, and benediction and the dedicarepresented the hope that tion of a wreath that was placed on the war memorial by Boy Scout Spencer speak about how in 1918, Grindrod. Members of Boy after reading the poem "In Scout Troop 163 served as

Student Megan Phillips way to keep the faith of and Chester Academy music

Hampstead Middle School Athletic Club Awards Scholarship

PENNY WILLIAMS **Tri-Town Times**

Hampstead Middle School's Athletic Club awards the ship is going to Pinkerton scholarship submissions Ray Flaherty Athletic Schol- Academy senior Renee Hen- and make the award based arship to a former Hamp- siek. She will formally on the applicants' essay, stead Middle School athlete receive her scholarship grade point average, and who participates in athletics award at the HMS Spring recommendations.

at Pinkerton Academy, and at the school on June 5. who demonstrates the qualities of leadership, sports- stead Middle School Athlet-HAMPSTEAD - The manship and citizenship.

Angie Gorham, Hampic Club president, said the The 2012 \$500 scholar- club members review all



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State Honors Go to Chester Lions Club for Public Service

MATT RITTENHOUSE **Tri-Town Times**

CHESTER - In recognition of its years of continued public service, the Chester Lions Club was recently recognized by its best small club in the state.

And that wasn't the only award bestowed on the club and its members during the fuel assistance to local residistrict's annual convention May 12. Lion Sheryl Baker was given a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Carolyn Messier, director of support of the New Hamp-Lions Club International, for her years of work.

at the Wason Pond Commuin a circle of couches, members discussed the awards. All confessed surprise at the District Governor DeeDee small club award, and while Latulippe lauded the group it was a pat on the back for moving forward with its from the larger Lions world,

efforts and propel them on to more.

The Lions has been a presence in Chester for the last 49 years, and its work has not only aided local people but also those across the globe through participadistrict's governor as the tion in Lions Club International programs.

Among others, community service efforts include dents, student scholarships and awards, eyeglass collection around town, vision testing for young people, shire Lions' special needs Camp Pride, and support of During a recent meeting Lions Club International's participation in the Measles nity Center, as the group sat Initiative, which battles the disease across the globe.

> In bestowing the award, work despite a very tough



Lions International Director Carolyn Messier of Windsor Locks, Conn., presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Sheryl Baker of the Chester Lions Club.

charges. The group immedi- continue its work. ately removed Gary Britton from its rolls, but did not said the award is truly about avoid some criticism.

The Lions' goal is to serve, said members. And they're able to do what they do because of the community's support. From fundraisers such as the annual calendar drive to a yard sale at the Town Fair to the Purple

award, and only about and she really earned it," did Sheryl realize that it was John Murray. her own biography.

own story.

but she has served as zone their own way. chair and co-chair of the newsletter contest for the meeting, Lions were dispast two years. Serving with cussing future community the Chester Lions since service projects. The group 1996, she has held the club's presidency three times and currently serves as secretary. She was lauded by the district for her 100 percent want to make newcomers feel attendance for most of her years in the Chester Club, munity information, someand for twice receiving thing that falls right in line recognition as the Lion of the Year

ed and happy with Sheryl's tinue that work.

busy reading Baker's biogra- Certificate of Appreciation. phy before announcing the It's really a pat on the back halfway through the reading said Chester Lions president

Murray said that though "I was thinking, 'Wow, the club had stagnated in that sounds familiar,'" Baker membership for a few years, joked about listening to her recently it has been growing. And it's not just people Baker admittedly doesn't who want to stop by the do a lot on the district level, meetings twice a month and preferring to spend her time keep a chair warm, he said. helping out Chester's club, Everyone's contributing in

> During their most recent discussed ways to welcome new residents, something that formerly was done but has fallen by the wayside. Lions welcome and give them comwith the group's mission.

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Applicants Sought for Superintendent Screening Committee Membership

The School Administrative Unit (SAU) 55 Board sub-committee charged with appointing a Screening Committee for the superintendent search has named Rob Collins as its point person.

Lion John Chiaradonna

Though she knew of its

the people of Chester the

existence, Sheryl Baker said

she had never seen the Cer-

tificate of Appreciation

award given out in her many

years of attending annual

group is trying to help.

Current Timberlane/ Hampstead Superintendent Richard La Salle is leaving at the end of the school year in June to take a new position.

The SAU committee is charged with developing a process for selecting a Screening Committee of 14 people drawn from five specific groups - five SAU 55 board members, four SAU sidered for the Screening

55 school administrators, one SAU 55 staff person, two teachers from SAU 55 and two parents, one from the Timberlane Regional School District and one from the Hampstead School District. Sandown, Danville, Plaistow and Atkinson make up the Timberlane district. The sub-committee -

Collins, Nancy Steenson, Judy Graham and Natalie Gallo, with Elizabeth Kosta absent - met May 23 and decided to use a form letter provided as part of the NES-DEC (New England School Development Council) search consultant package to invite persons to be con-

Committee. The letters will be sent to all administrators, teachers, SAU Board members, and SAU staff, and will be distributed to parents through a variety of school delivery methods. Collins said a notice about the invitation to apply for the Screening Committee would be sent to all local cable channels for posting on cable bulletin boards.

All requests for appointment must be received by Wednesday, June 13. The sub-committee plans to meet Friday, June 15, for the selection process. All submissions must be sent by email to: robcollins89-@gmail.com.



Landau Keeps Chairmanship of Chester Selectmen

MATT RITTENHOUSE **Tri-Town Times**

CHESTER - Steph Landau was chosen by his felchair of the board during Thursday, May 24.

The board remains nearwith just one change. Former selectman Joe Castricone chose not to seek reelection, and Rich LeBlanc

was elected to his seat.

elected to the seat he has filled for six years.

To begin the discussion, low selectmen to remain selectman Mike Weider suggested that the chair not be the group's first meeting on held by the same person for too long.

He said he did not mean ly the same following elec- anything against the current tions earlier in the month, holder, but noted the post carries with it a lot of work, and suggested that Landau take a break.

Jack Cannon was re- role, saying he had the chair's main responsibility demeanor and clarity to do was to run the meetings and the job well.

> Hagan asked to discuss the matter. He suggested change one way or another. that if the board desired him when his work schedule role. became more regular.

discussion changed.

Weider suggested that concerned whether or not he had the time and where-

his time commitment to being a selectman wouldn't

The other selectmen vetto do so, he could take over erans, however, questioned the position in September, Landau's view of the chair's

Before any motion was position than that," said made to appoint Hagan, the Cannon. He called being chair nearly a full-time job, Landau said he was not and said Landau had proven

responsibilities.

You need time to respond to numerous issues, that," he said.

Cannon added later that he had no desire to be chair.

Hagan said he also thinks "It's a far more involved Landau did an "extraordinary job.

We have a full-time mayor at very little cost," Hagan said, adding that he'd be willing to take on the

Joe Hagan take over the he kept the role. He said the withal to handle its many vice chair role and learn the ropes for a potential future chairmanship.

Minus Landau's abstenand Steph, you've done a tion, it was a unanimous wonderful job managing vote to keep him as chair. The vote for Hagan was also unanimous, minus Hagan's

> In light of Hagan's need to leave the meeting after the votes were taken, the board decided to hold off on reappointing liaison roles until a future meeting.

Family Promise Continues Work to Open Homeless Shelter

PENNY WILLIAMS **Tri-Town Times**

Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County is inching its way ahead, adding church after church to its list as it works to reach the number of 10 to 13 participating churches.

Family Promise seeks to create an Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) in the Hampshire. Salem/Derry area. IHN plans to provide a safe place for homeless families with children to turn to for food, shelter, and social services. Participating congregations will offer guidance and encouragement while preserving the dignity of families as they take steps to regain independence.

Currently, the Salem and

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Derry areas have no homeless shelter of any kind. Family Promise said at least 155 homeless families are living in Salem, Derry, and 12 surrounding towns.

The local effort is an affiliate of the national Family Promise, based in New Jersey, and with 174 affiliates in 41 states. Two IHNs are in operation in New

The local effort will serve Salem, Derry, Atkinson, Auburn, Chester, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Londonderry, Newton, Pelham, Plaistow, Sandown, and Windham.

Recently, Family Promise welcomed The Rockingham Church in Plaistow as its eighth host congregation and Londonderry Christian Church as the ninth.

First Parish Congregational Church in East Derry has joined as a Support Congregation, and the Sarto Center, a non-profit retreat center in Hooksett on the Auburn line, will donate their physical space, rooms with showers. To make this a full site, a Support Congregation in the area is needed to provide meals and volunteers during its host week.

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pal Church in Hampstead, a branch to have their ac-Host Congregation, said counts linked to Family Family Promise is one to Promise of Greater Rockingfour churches and \$28,000 ham County, code A3463. away from opening the shel- Annually, TD Bank will send ter. Every donation made Family Promise a check for between now and June 30 half of 1 percent of the comby a new donor will be bined average balance of all matched, dollar for dollar, accounts linked. The individual account owners do not make the donation, only



Major has it at 60.

there are different ways to

Eleven died in training

accidents or other incidents

in the U.S. or Europe, 21

died in Afghanistan, two in

Kuwait and 26 in Iraq. Two-

thirds of those are from the

Army, 17 from the Marines,

two from the Navy, and one

Major told anecdotes of

from the Air Force.

War Dead

continued from page 1

(Ret.) Kevin Major tells.

tell their years of service. annual event, however, is the story that Lieutenant Colonel

Major and his wife, Kim, began the tradition more than 20 years ago when no Memorial Day service took place in Sandown. Though it can be a trying experience for Major as he delves into military personnel have the story of one individual

More than 6,400 U.S. died in Iraq and Afghan-

country, it's well worth it to have that story told, he said. This year he did something The main point of the a bit different. He reviewed the 60 New Hampshire soldiers who have died since the country's response to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. It required just as much research as ever and was just as touching for those who sat at the cemetery to listen.

the people behind those numbers, from an Exeter National Guardsman who, at 39 and a veteran of the Franklin police department, was the oldest New Hampshire casualty, dying in ambush in Kandahar, to Timberlane graduate Marine Lance Cpl. Dimitrios Gavriel, who gave up a life as a real estate securities analyst on Wall Street to join the Marine Corps. Gavriel was so dedicated to his fellow soldiers that though he has hospitalized for shrapnel wounds and could have come home, he chose to return. He was killed a week later.

There were officers and privates in that number, graduates of West Point and the Citadel, and Phillips Exeter Academy, of Brown and Case Western. Others were standouts in sports in high school and college.

Fifteen were fathers. And 31 children lost fathers

who fought and died for the istan, with more than to war in the last 11 years. next day shot himself. after writing to his family 48,000 wounded. Though Some had never met their Another, Army Specialist dads, including the daughcount the state's toll in the ter of Sandown native Mawars against terrorism, rine Cpl. Jonathan Daniel Porto

> Exeter native Navy Seal Dan Healy had seven children. He died en route to a mountain in Kumar Province, Afghanistan, to rescue four trapped Navy SEALs. There were newlyweds and those who planned to propose marriage when they came home.

Five to eight who committed suicides are among the number of dead. One, Air National Guard Technical Sergeant David Guincheering crowd and the Design. Less than a month cemetery and remember.

Derek Bilodeau, who was awarded for saving the lives suffered multiple wounds, unsuccessfully sought treatment at the Veterans Administration for emohis service. When he received a letter from the Army questioning his disability and hinting that he would be recalled into active duty, Bilodeau sunk deeper into depression and eventually took his life.

Army specialist Toby Olsen was an artist who toll in the war on terrorism, earned a degree from Savandon, returned home to a nah College of Art and

that his service in the Army had reignited his dormant passion to create, he lost his of fellow unit members and life to a detonated improvised explosive device (IED) in Iraq.

The stories were heartbreaking, and Major sometional issues resulting from times found it hard to continue, a testament to how closely he lives with those he speaks about before sharing their stories on Memorial Day.

> The stories are many but in approximately a half hour, Major managed to make real the Granite State's shared with those who took the time to come out to the



Fire Explorer William Tapley holds the bell as Danville American Legion Post 115 adjutant Fran Byron strikes it in remembrance on Memorial Day.

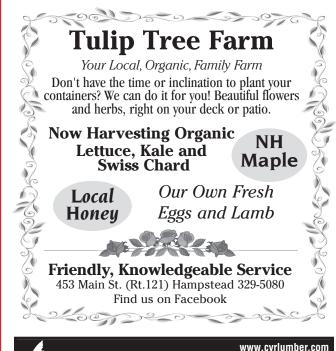
Photo by Matt Rittenhouse



HONORING VETERANS At Hampstead's Emerson Village, an Armed Forces celebration was held for the residents on Saturday, May 19. All veterans were recognized, and the Emerson Village Band played patriotic songs. Band members are Bob Jacobson, Frank Jacobson, Jim Stace, Mort O'Sullivan, John Barry, Frank Darche and music coordinator Mary Jacobson. Dancing, food and entertainment filled the evening. Courtesy photo









Hensiek, Keisling are Class of '12 Valedictorian, Salutatorian

KAITLYN G. WOODS **Tri-Town Times**

Renee Hensiek of Hampstead is the Class of 2012 Valedictorian at Pinkerton Academy, and John Keisling Jr. of East Hampstead is Salutatorian.

And with approximately 744 students in Pinkerton's graduating class, finishing as the top two students is no easy task.

"It was really close," Hensiek said of the competition among graduating seniors for top honors.

With the end of their senior year just around the corner, both students are excited to move on and begin work in their fields of interest

to forward my career," said Keisling, who will major in Electrical Engineering at Yale University on an Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) scholar-

Hensiek, who is looking forward to working with others in her field, will study Biomedical Engineering at Northwestern Univer-

In addition to earning high marks at Pinkerton, both students were involved in a variety of extracurricular activities.

Hensiek was a member of Pinkerton's varsity Cross-Country and varsity Track teams, and was treasurer of the National Honor Society, a student liaison to the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association, a Challenger "I'm excited to learn League baseball volunteer, about things that are going and a co-captain of the school's American Cancer Society Relay for Life team.



Pinkerton Academy salutatorian is John Keisling Jr. of East Hampstead, left, and Valedictorian is Renee Hensiek of Hampstead. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

Keisling was captain of community service projects ROTC, and Squadron Commander of the Civil Air Patrol. He also completed said staying busy helped

the Cross-Country team, a through the Civil Air Patrol, member of Air Force Junior Air Force JROTC, and National Honor Society.

Hensiek and Keisling

rather than hindered their academic pursuits.

I am, the more I get done," Hensiek said.

because I have to manage Hensiek said. my time and it helps keep agreed.

and Keisling are ready to leave Pinkerton to begin the both enjoyed their high school experience.

"There are so many opportunities here at Pinkerton," Hensiek said, noting her advice to incoming right away.

that getting involved is a Derry, and Samantha Goldgood way to get to know fel- smith of Derry. low classmates.

As their final reflections on the past four years, Hen-"I have found the busier siek and Keisling offered the following sentiments:

"It wasn't always easy, "Keeping busy helps but it was all worth it,"

Keisling added, "It's a me disciplined," Keisling nice thing when you put in a lot of work and time, and And although Hensiek all your hard work pays off. It's really satisfying.

Hensiek is the daughter next chapter of their lives, of Tom and Amy Hensiek, and Keisling is the son of John Sr. and Karen Keisling.

Also finishing in the top ten in descending order are Nicholas McNeill of Chester, Amanda Gagne of Derry, freshmen would be to get Matthew Dennehy of involved in student groups Hampstead, Amy Hanlon of and activities on campus Chester, Drew Sutherland of Derry, Briana Capistran of Keisling agreed, adding Derry, Anthony Anzivino of

Current Pinkerton-Hampstead Contract Remains in Place

PENNY WILLIAMS **Tri-Town Times**

HAMPSTEAD - Assistant Superintendent Winfried Feneberg told the School Board he had received a letter from Pinkerton Academy in response to the board's letter declining to negotiate a new contract. Hampstead tuitions its high school students to Pinkerton in Derry.

notes that in the absence of ences. negotiating a new contract, the old contract stays in at Hampstead Central force and calls for a continu- School, went on the most

In other business at the May 22 meeting:

 Bruce and Carol Ran-Spanish Club trips to Spain, Mexico, and Puerto Rico over the years, and those who attend say the trips are so well planned and the students so well informed before they leave that the events are as much fun as The Pinkerton letter they are learning experi-

Heather Cote, a teacher ation for seven additional recent trip, paying her way

and acting as a chaperone. joining the Hampstead Mid-She provided the School Board with a slide show from the more than 1,500 dall have organized student pictures she took. She was assisted in describing the photos by a student who went on the trip, Jillian Thomas

> Carol Randall said she would like to contact other area middle schools to see if they would be interested in

dle School trip for 2014, and asked the board for approval to pursue that possibility. The board unanimously approved her request.

• Curriculum Director Doris Buco gave the board an update on the Strategic Plan, noting that five of the nine Strategic Plan Actions have been completed. Among the action plans completed are:

Missions and Beliefs; Teacher Performance, Staff Development and Mentoring; School to School Transition; Demolization; and School Maintenance and Repair.

Those remaining to be completed are: Professional Learning Community Development; Trends, Forces and Events; Student Competencies; and Technology.

She said that with new Core Competencies that must be implemented, and the fact that assessment of graphics and Facilities Uti- them is online, the completion of the remaining areas of the plan may be slowed while attention is paid to getting up to speed with the Core Competencies and getting the school population outfitted to be able to work online.







Arts and Music on Display at Chester Academy Event

MATT RITTENHOUSE **Tri-Town Times**

CHESTER - Last week the second of two Integrated Arts Nights at Chester Academy showed off music, visual art, writing and the creative work of the enrichment and Gifted Or Talented at Chester Academy (GOTCHA) students for brief artist's statement for family members and friends.

The arts nights were split in two different sessions to give upper and elementary grades a chance to be seen. As it was, the creative work of the third, cafeteria to capacity on Thursday, May 24.

Along the walls, the work of Lisa Blanchette's art said Blanchette. She noted classes was varied and impressive. Art classes at the school are built around encouraging the kids to be first, second, third and honas creative as possible, and orary mention awards. the work on the walls was a Those students who came testament to that. There out to the arts night also were watercolor and acrylic had a chance to vote for

and sizes, collages and paper dolls and cut paper and wood block prints. And the subjects of those works varied from landscapes and animals to abstract splatters to a sharpie and pencil work that was a variation on a theme of owls.

The kids had to write a each of the two pieces they chose to display. The statements pointed out areas of the work the casual observer might miss and why the subject or medium was important to the student.

Blanchette was pleased fourth and fifth grades filled with her students' work this the hallways, library and year and the support it received from their families.

"The community is always very supportive," the support added meaning to her teaching work.

A secret judge chose

paintings in many shapes their favorite piece. That cussion instruments. "best of show" artist was revealed the following day as a school wide announcement. The winner earned a set of art supplies for coming in first.

> And though it's a lot of work putting all of the kids' pieces on display, it was well worth it, said Blanchette, to witness their excitement at having their art up on the

> Adding to the atmosphere was the jazz band, led by music teacher Kurt Schweiss, which entertained those perusing the hallways.

In the cafeteria, the music students put on a couple of performances. The third graders held a recorder concert and the fourth graders did a rendition of "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley.

The performance of "Three Little Birds" was a new endeavor for elementary music teacher Beth Vanderhoek and her pupils, and it was the most challenging project yet, she said. The song not only had the kids singing their individual parts but also playing per-

Vanderhoek was proud of her students for pulling off the complicated work, a new project she fashioned in a recently earned Master's degree thesis.

The "Three Little Birds" project not only had the kids learning about music but also about geography and history. Vanderhoek introduced the song with a documentary on Jamaica and information on Bob Marley, among other efforts to ground the work for the students.

Adding to the interdisciplinary effort, the fourth grade art students created large, colorful birds that were hung in front of the cafeteria.

In the library, the impressive work of Carol LaChance's enrichment students was on display, featuring advanced algebra work in the math program to illustrated storybooks in the language arts program.

Students showed off their work to their parents, many remarking how much they enjoy their time with LaChance. Students are

taken out of regular classes far as they can. once or twice a week to take The program chooses students who not only are high achievers in their academics

LaChance said one of her main goals with the proan effort to provide them with the tools to be successful in their schooling and larger life. It's especially important for those kids who may be a page or two ahead of their peers in their classrooms and need extra stimulation to progress as

The kids do a lot of projpart in the advanced work. ect-based learning, something that excites both student and teacher. It's great for the kids who excel and but show creativity and a need an extra push, said desire to apply their knowl- LaChance, who has been edge to new areas of inquiry. running the GOTCHA program for 11 years.

The GOTCHA programs gram is to get the kids are operated with the help thinking independently, in of parent facilitators and new math facilitators are always sought.

The programs are available to students in the third through fifth grade, but other enrichment programs are offered in the other grades.

Derry Man Arrested for Check Forgery

PENNY WILLIAMS **Tri-Town Times**

HAMPSTEAD - An arrest has been made following an in-depth Hampstead investigation.

According to Hampstead Police Lt. John Frazier, on May 4, Detective Bob Kelley was contacted by the Derry Police regarding a stolen check case from that town. Information learned from Derry detectives revealed that a check stolen from a Derry resident was cashed at the Bank of America in Colby Corner Plaza.

Kelley followed the lead tow District Court. and through the investiga-

veillance footage, Hampstead Police learned that on March 30 at 1:29 p.m., Joshua S. Aboody, 20, 243 Hampstead Road. Derry, cashed a forged check in the amount of \$500 in Hamp-

Kelley obtained an arrest warrant for Aboody, and he was arrested on May 2 by Hampstead Police without incident. Aboody was charged with a Class B felony count of Forgery and released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bail. He has a June 18 court date at Plais-





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Time for Sandown Students to Explore Band Instruments

MATT RITTENHOUSE **Tri-Town Times**

time of year when elemen-Timberlane Regional School District get a chance to try which to learn and explore basics of its operation. the world of music. berlane district.

holding three sessions at the the second grade can try out

Timberlane Performing Arts string instruments only. Center in Plaistow next month, where students in violin, viola, cello, flute, clar-SANDOWN - It's the second, third and fourth inet, oboe, alto saxophone, grade can try out as many tary level students in the instruments as they like. It's part of a program to make sure the kids choose the best out and choose a band or instrument for them and are string instrument with ready in the fall with the

The three nights will Sandown is part of the Timallow third and fourth grade students to try out both The district, led by band band and string (violin, teacher Debbie Lincoln, is viola, cello) instruments;

trumpet, French horn, trombone and percussion.

Lincoln said the district has been holding the event for more than 10 years as a way to ensure the kids choose the best instrument for them. While they may be enamored with say, the saxophone, it's a heavy instrument and may not be the right choice for their body structure or personality.

Experienced instrumentalists and instructors will help guide the kids through the process. Students can try at least three instruments per night, but are welcome to come back for consecutive nights if they're not sure.

Instruments offered are: sessions are coupled with the opportunity to rent an instrument and get three beginners' lessons. Those lessons, offered at a reduced rate, are held on June 18, 19 and 20 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. (session one) or 6 to 7:30 p.m. (session two). Refresher lessons are also offered.

> the Start Up Band and Strings Program, and according to Lincoln, it gives the kids a solid foundation for their musical education, from assemblage of their instrument to playing a basic song. It also allows the instruments before parents have to pay large sums of money for their purchase.

Lincoln is always excit-

selves," she said.

Throughout the year, the year. the band and string stu-

The benefits of the music The process is known as program are many, said Lin- at the Performing Arts Cencross-curriculum benefits math utilized in reading 11, at 5 p.m., and Tuesday, music. Students also learn June 12, at 5 p.m. about the history of the music and where it came from.

kids to get a feel for their citizens," said Lincoln, ref- already playing an instruerencing the amount of ment at their school are teamwork that's involved in automatically signed up. ensemble playing.

The instrument try-out their new instruments. takes instantly and rapidly "They just think they're so improve their skills, and cool. They're so darn excit- where they get a chance to ed and pleased with them- show off those skills at regular concerts throughout

> And if a child doesn't dents participate in a half seem to have an innate hour a week of instrument sense of music, it all comes with practice, said Lincoln.

> The try-outs take place coln. She emphasized the ter in Plaistow on the following days: Saturday, June for example the amount of 9, at 8 a.m., Monday, June

There isn't any fall registration, so now's the time to "And band kids are good sign up. Those students

For more information Music is also a discipline contact Lincoln at, Deboraed to see the students get where kids can realize mis- h.Lincoln@timberlane.net.



Nancy and Mark Jolin



Nancy Pichette Pilotte and Mark Jolin, both of Chester, were married March 3, 3012 in a double-ring ceremony performed by Justice of the Peace Rachel Green at Zorvino Vineyards, Sandown. A reception followed at the vineyards.

The bride is the daughter of Maurice Pichette of Manchester and the late Antoinette Pichette.

The bridegroom is the son of Irene Chabot of Manchester and the late Leroy Jolin.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and

Honor attendants were the bride's children, Sarah and Joseph Pilotte of Chester.

The bride graduated from Manchester Memorial High School and New Hampshire Voc-Tech College, both in Manchester. She is a bookkeeper at All Interiors, Inc., Londonderry.

The bridegroom graduated from Manchester Memorial High School and Christopher Newport University in Virginia. He is a senior programmer at Carefirst Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Maryland.

After a honeymoon at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., the couple is at home in Chester.



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY Terry Sullivan and Al Fraser, veterans who are members of Hampstead Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11254, carry the Memorial Day wreath to be laid at the Town's World War I Memorial on Monday. Fraser, a U.S. Navy veteran, was selected for the honor because his father served in World Photo by Penny Williams War I.

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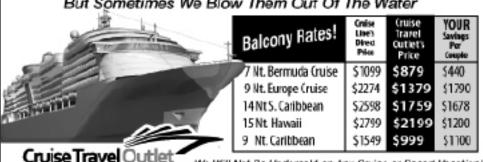


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Storytimes

Storytimes at Chester Public Library are Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. They are geared for children ages 3 to 5, and Mr. Tim will read stories and teach crafts. The Library is at 3 Chester St., next to the Post Office. For more information, call 887-3404.

Plant Sale

Rockingham Herb Society will hold its annual Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 2, in front of Stevens Memorial Hall in the center of Chester. If raining, it will be held indoors. Plants available include perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, indoor plants and small shrubs. The sale supports community programs offered through the Rockingham Herb Society and donations to area environmental projects. New members are always welcome from any town. Contact Sylvia Anderson at 887-4911 or Jackie Brown at 887-3842.

Co-ed Volleyball

Chester Recreation is offering free adult co-ed pickup volleyball on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Chester Multi-purpose room. Call the Recreation Department for more information at 887-5773 or e-mail: sharon@chesternhrec.org

Softball

Chester Softball is looking for softball players ages 7 through 14. Sign up at www.chesternhbaseball.com. Optional practices have already started on Sundays. Email: jfswindows@comcast.net for times.

Baseball, Softball

Chester Baseball and Softball Registration is open for all divisions for the 2012 season. Information about tryouts for AAA, Minors and Majors will be posted at: http://www.chesternhbaseball.com and click on the clipboard to register.

Chester Dancers

The spring performance of the Chester Dancers will be presented in the Multipurpose Room of Chester Town Hall on June 9. with performance times at 1

p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This year's ballet performances center around the magical birds in ballets. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served. Further information is available at www/chesterdancers.org or email: chesterdancers@comcast.net

Library Sale

The Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., holds a sale of discarded books on audio cassette and children's books, as well as spring and summer Chester prints for sale at \$20 each or two for \$30, Chester notecards at \$2.50 each, and Chester Library Tote Bags for \$10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 2.

Scarecrow Pick Up

The Scarecrows of Chester have arrived at the Historical Society Museum. They have been cut out by Sylvia Anderson; painted by Jackie Brown, Judy Pepper and Alexandra Hadik; sewn and ironed by Diane Methot; turned inside out by Jean Methot and have had their bodies made by Don Brown. Pick up starts when the museum is open on the second Saturday of June, July and August from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. September will be the month to construct the characters to be on display by Oct. 1. If the pickup time is not convenient, call Jackie Brown at 887-3842 to arrange a time or to order for 2013. This is a fund raiser for the Chester Historical Society.

Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet Tuesday, June 5, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Town Hall, 84 Chester St., to register to vote, change name, address or party. Residents may also register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during her regular business hours.

Historical Society Program

The Chester Historical Society presents "The Other Side of the Midnight Ride" at 7 p.m. June 11 at Stevens Memorial Hall. The free program is paid in part by the his-

torical society and a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council, and tells Rachel Revere's story of tea, trouble and revolution. Refreshments will be served.

June Jubilee

The Chester Congregational & Baptist Church holds its annual June Jubilee on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 4 Chester St. A home-made menu includes barbecue chicken, rib dinner, or North Carolina style pulled pork with all the "fixins" for \$12 for regular plates, \$16 for combo plates, and \$5 for kids' plates. The barbecue dinner is served from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., and take-out is available. Also featured is a yard sale and bake sale. All proceeds will benefit the church. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net.

Vacation Bible School

Chester Congregational & Baptist Church invites children to attend its Vacation Bible School (VBS) program this summer, titled "Sky: Everything is Possible with God!" It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon July 16 through 20 at the church, 4 Chester St., and is open to ages preschool through entering sixth grade. Indoor and outdoor activities include games, snack, crafts, music and singing, and Bible stories. The program is free, but registration is required. A closing celebration is set for Friday, July 20, at 11:30 a.m., with lunch provided. For more information, call the church office at 887-4799 or email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net.

HAMPSTEAD

Office Closure

The Hampstead Town Clerk-Tax Collector's office will be closed on Wednesday June 6, while the staff will be attending the Seacoast Regional Spring Workshop.

Cut-A-Thon

On June 18, the Hampstead PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) will host a Beautiful Lengths Cut-A-Thon at Hampstead

recommended. Requirements are: hair must be at least 8 inches in length; free of permanent color, bleach or other chemical treatments such as Japanese straightening; and no more than 5 percent gray. Visit www.pantene.com/Beautiful Lengths for details. For all of those interested in this including event. hairdressers who are interested in volunteering, contact Michelle Packowski at 819-3859 or spackowski@comcast.net.

Island Pond Baptist Church

On Saturday, June 2, from 3 to 5 p.m., friends, family and the local community are invited to join Island Pond Baptist Church, 26 North Salem Road, for the "Gold Rush Gathering" Pre-VBS (Vacation Bible School) Kick Off Event, featuring games, food and inflatables. This event is free and open to families with children age 4 years to sixth grade. The church will be collecting non-perishable canned food items and used clothing in good condition, to donate to Rise Again Outreach. Visit www.islandpondbc.org or call the church office at 329-5959 with for more information.

Knights of Columbus Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will prepare and serve an Italian dinner on Saturday, June 9, at 5 p.m. in St. Anne's Church Hall, Emerson Avenue. The dinner will include spaghetti, stuffed manicotti, meatballs, sausage, garlic bread, beverages, and dessert. Donation is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

Adult Storytime

The Hampstead Public Library offers Adult Storytime sessions on Fridays, June 1 and June 15, at 10 a.m., with a book and a craft. The program is designed for developmentally disabled patrons, but all adults are welcome. No sessions will be held in July and August.

Needlework Socials

Hampstead Public Library hosts Needlework Socials on Fridays, June 8 and June 22, from 1 to 3

Central School. Sign-ups are p.m. No sign-up is necesrecommended. Requirements are: hair must be at least 8 inches in length; free p.m. No sign-up is necessary. Bring a current project and share your interest with others in a relaxed setting.

Allergies and Asthma

"Allergies and Asthma: Conditions, Causes and Natural Treatments" will be presented by Dr. Matt Swiesz of Swiesz Family Chiropractic at the Hampstead Public Library on Thursday, June 14, at 6:45 p.m.

Adult Summer Reading

The Hampstead Public Library will offer a summer reading program for adults starting June 25, with the theme of "Between the Covers." The library will also have a Film Noir movie festival, featuring classics from the genre. By checking out materials or coming to the library for events, adults will be eligible to win prizes that include books and gift cards. No registration or tracking of reading time is necessary to participate.

Paws to Read

Johnny Claude the listener dog will be at the Hampstead Public Library on Monday, June 11, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. He is a certified therapy dog who loves to listen to kids read, tell stories, or act out a book. Set up a 15-minute session with Johnny Claude by signing up at the library's front desk or calling 329-6411. Adults are also welcome to visit with him.

Babysittter Training

The Hampstead Public Library is hosting a Babysitter's Training course on Tuesday, June 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required at 329-6411 or pfalconer@hampstead.lib.nh.us. The American Red Cross Babysitter Training combines video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion, and teaches youth how to respond to emergencies and illnesses with first aid and rescue breathing, make decisions under pressure, communicate with parents to learn household rules, recognize safety and hygiene issues, manage young children, and feed, diaper and care for infants. Cost is \$40. Closing date for registration is June 18.

Summer Reading

Kids can sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the Hampstead Public Library starting June 19 at 1 p.m. They will be able to choose teams, and begin tracking their reading time. This summer, the theme is "Dream Big — Read!" and events will include a magician, stargazing, creatures of the night, musical performances, and a climbing wall. Participants will be eligible to win prizes.

Book Groups

On Monday, June 18, at 7 p.m., the Non-Fiction Book Group at the Hampstead Public Library will discuss "Paul Revere's Ride" by David Hackett Fischer. On June 21 at 1 p.m., the Third Thursday Book Group will discuss "The Paris Wife: a novel" by Paula McLean. Copies of the books are available at the library's front desk. Newcomers are always welcome.

Electronics, Appliance Recycling

The Hampstead Lions Club holds an Electronic and Small and Large Appliance (White Goods) Recycling Fundraiser on Saturday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the junction of Routes 111 and 12. All money raised will go toward the support of Lions' charitable efforts in the local community. For a fee, any appliance or electronic item that is difficult to discard or cannot be put on the curb for pick up by the town can be recycled at this charity fundraiser. Fees are: computers/full systems, \$25; monitors or computer, \$10; printer, \$5; telephones, \$1; small appliances (microwaves, fax machines), \$5; washers, dryers, stoves and air conditioners, \$15; refrigerators, water heaters, freezers, \$20; small TVs, \$15; and large TVs, \$20. For more information, call Sam Longbook at 329-5603.

Ice Cream Social

The Hampstead Mothers' Club Ice Cream Social kicks off the summer season on Wednesday, June 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Hampstead Central School.

Sundaes are \$3 each and will son Avenue. Age restriction feature a variety of toppings.

Senior Trip

The Hampstead Seniors group is planning a trip to Twin River Casinos in Lincoln, R.I., on Wednesday, June 27. The bus will leave around 8 a.m. and return to dence is required. For more St. Anne's Church around 5 information, call Cleta Barry p.m. Sign-up is Wednesday, June 6, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Meeting House on Emer-

is 62 years old and above. Cost of the trip is \$5 per resident. Non residents will pay \$10 per person. Payment is due at sign-up. Hampstead seniors receive first choice. All others are placed on a waiting list. Proof of resiat 329-9550.

Spring Sports Banquet

The Hampstead Hawks Middle School Athletic Club invites all Middle School baseball, softball, track and golf athletes and their families to the Spring Sports Award Banquet on Tuesday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Gym. A slide show presentation will begin at 6:15 p.m. Each athlete is asked to bring individually wrapped snacks.

Strawberry Festival

The Hampstead Congregational Church hosts its Strawberry Festival and craft fair on Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafters, children's games, a plant table, baked goods, a lunch, and strawberry shortcake are featured at the church, 61 Main St.

Summerfest Crafters

Crafters and artists are sought for the St. Anne Summerfest, to be held Saturday, July 28, on the Hampstead Town Green. Booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other activities planned for the day include a road race, vintage food and bake sales, bounce 642-3250 from 9 am. to 9 p.m. tent, obstacle course, live

entertainment, silent auction, and raffles. Spaces are 10- by- 10-feet (no chairs or tables provided) and cost \$40 for an uncovered space and \$50 for a covered space. More information and an application are at www.saintannechurchnh.org (click on "Summerfest" at the top, then "Craft and Art Booths"), car show, games for all ages, or contact Claire Manes at

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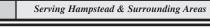


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Compost Bins

The Hampstead Recycling and Solid Waste Committee has again obtained compost bins for residents. The compost bins are available at the Town Office at a cost of \$47. For more information, contact Tina Harrington at 329-4100, ext. zero.

May Movie

The Hampstead Public Library's May Movie is the recent film based on Janet Evanovich's "One for the Money," the first novel in her Stephanie Plum series. The movie will be screened at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 31. This library movie event is free and popcorn is served.

Soccer Club

The Hampstead Soccer Club Hurricanes is taking online registration at www. eteamz.com/hampsteadsoccer. Those who wish to register in person can do so at the Hampstead Civic Club from 6 to 8 p.m. June 5. Tryouts and skill assessments will be held at the Depot Road Fields on June 12 and 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. For questions, contact Julie Ahern at yagger125@ aol.com or 382-8010, or Dan Jendrick at d.iendrick@hotmail.com.

Soup & Sandwiches

A public Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will be held Wednesday, June 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at East Hampstead Union Church. 225 East Main Street (Route 121A), just south of Route 111. Offerings include a variety of soups and sandwiches, chips, pickles, assorted beverages and des-

serts. The meal is by donation to the Operating Fund. The church is chair-lift accessible. Take out meals are available. For more information, call 378-0683

Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Hampstead Town Hall on Tuesday, June 5, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to register new voters and update the checklist. June 5 is the last day to change party affiliation before the primary on Sept. 11. This may Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

SANDOWN

Plant Sale

The Sandown Garden Club holds its fifth annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Sandown Fire Hall on Main Street, where a white tent will be surrounded by hundreds of perennials, herbs, and shrubs. All plants are donated from the gardens of local homeowners. Shoppers are encouraged to come early for the best selection. Club members will be available to answer questions. The Sandown Garden Club is a non-profit organization and uses proceeds from the sale for community projects. The Club belongs to both the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. For more information, visit SandownGardenClub.org.

Watercolor Class

Adults are invited to the Sandown Public Library on Saturday, June 2, at 10 a.m. for a watercolor class given by Julie Ball, a local artist and Sandown Library staff member. Bring nature and/or landscape pictures to practice painting. Register in advance at 887-3428. Supplies will be provided.

Cribbage

The Sandown Public Library offers cribbage on Tuesday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. Sandown resident Ken Diperri will be available to play, help or teach anyone interested in the game. Bring a cribbage board and/or a deck of cards if you have one. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Afternoon Movie

Sandown Public Library presents the movie "One for the Money," based on the Stephanie Plum books by New Hampshire resident Janet Evanovich, on Monday, June 11, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Book Discussion

At 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at the Sandown Public Library, the Books & Bites book group will discuss "Interred with Their Bones" by Jennifer Lee Carrell. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Wednesdays with Hawke

Hawke's monthly visit to the Sandown Public Library will be Wednesday, June 6, at 3:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to read to the Hawke, a black Labrador retriever that is a trained therapy dog that loves to listen to stories. This is a great opportunity for children to practice their reading skills.

Father's Day Card

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Sandown Public Library, children ages 9 and up are invited to create a handmade Father's Day card using basic origami techniques. Registration for this class is required; call 887-3428 to register.

Rockin' Readers Book Club

Fourth and fifth grade students are invited to join the Rockin' Readers Book Club on Wednesday, June 20, at 3:30 p.m. at the Sandown Public Library. The group will discuss "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen. A snack follows the discussion.

Preschool Story Hours

Preschool story hour sessions continue Tuesdays throughout June at the Sandown Public Library. An hour of stories, music, poetry, and crafts with Miss Jenn is offered. Two sessions are held each week, at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Chess Club

The Sandown Public Library Chess Club with chess master Monty Cole meets Thursday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to play. No experience is needed.

Star Gazing

On Monday, June 18, at 8 p.m., the Sandown Public Library and the New Hampshire Astronomical Society will host a Star Gazing event at the Sandown Central School field behind the library. Several telescopes will be available to view the night sky. All ages are welcome.

Mothers Club

The Sandown Mothers Club meets Monday, June 11, at the Sandown Town Hall. lower level, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining or getting more information is encouraged to attend. The club is a combination of community service and social time for children, newborns through school age, and mothers. Activities include playgroups, moms' night out, seasonal outings and community events. Members from surrounding communities are welcome. If interested in becoming a member but unable to attend the meeting, email Alex at sandownmothers@yahoo.com.

Phonics Program

The Sandown Lions Club has purchased a Hooked-on-Phonics Classic learn-to-read program, available for loan to any Sandown or Danville resident with a child under 15. The loan period is three months. The loan is free but the Lions request a \$30 cash deposit that will be refunded when the program is returned. For more information, contact Project Chairman Donna Green at 974-0758. For information about joining the Sandown Lions, contact Fred Soule at 974-0547 or vbalnh@yahoo.com or any Sandown Lion.

Office Closure

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on Wednesday, June 6, while the office staff will be attending the New Hampshire Town Clerks Annual Spring Workshop.

Summer Recreation

The Sandown Summer Recreation Program takes place June 25 through Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, with extended program hours and rates available. Choose the number of weeks to attend. Program

www.sandown.us. All registrations are in person except for extenuating circumstances. Registration is open to children who are a minimum of 6 years old or will be entering Grades 1-8 in the fall. A birth certificate or official school record documenting grade is required for all first-time participants. Remaining registration dates at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility, 25 Pheasant Run Drive are May 31 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Iune 11 from 1 to 6 p.m. Registration deadline is June 11 by 6 p.m. Registrations received after the deadline are subject to increased fees. No daily or partial week rates available.

Ice Cream Social

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to call the recreation office to register for an Ice Cream Social set for June 14 at 1 p.m., with a presentation of "Senior Moments," at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility, 25 Pheasant Run Drive, courtesy of Seacoast Repertory Theater's senior volunteer group. The event is free. Registration is required by Monday, June 11.

Line Dancing

Instructors Kathy and Tom return to offer Line Dancing at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility, 25 Pheasant Run Drive, for seniors age 60 and over on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Session I begins June 12. Registration is due by Thursday, June 7. Cost for residents is \$10 per person for the five-week session, and \$12 for non-residents. Come at 9:30 a.m. on the first day for a cup of coffee and socializing.

Zumba

Zumba for high school students is offered by Sandown Recreation. The 10-week summer period (two five-week sessions) begins Tuesday, June 19, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility, 25 Pheasant Run Drive. Save money and sign up for the entire 10 weeks or purchase a prepaid punch card. Registration is open to students who will be entering Grades 9-12 in September. Cost for the 10-week ses-

information is online at sion is \$76 for residents and \$86 for non-residents. A five-week session is \$38. Prepaid punch cards may be used anytime during the 10 weeks of classes and cost \$9 per class for residents and \$10 for non-residents.

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Skin Cancer Screenings

Parkland Medical Center and the Lahey Center for Oncology and Hematology at Parkland Medical Center present free skin cancer and melanoma screenings for members of the community. Two local physicians are donating their time to provide the screening. Plastic Surgeon Dr. John Mallen will provide screenings on Tuesday, June 5, from 1 to 4 p.m., and General Surgeon Dr. Mary Fudge will provide screenings Wednesday, June 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. All screening sessions are at the Nutfield Professional Building, Suite 206, 44 Birch St., Derry, Nurses and medical staff will be present throughout the afternoon. Light snacks will be provided. The screenings require pre-registration by calling the hospital's Consult-A-Nurse line at 1-877-642-2362. Each appointment will be 15 minutes.

Running Camp

Greater Derry Running Camp for boys and girls in fifth grade and older will be held July 23-27 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Pinkerton Academy Track. Cost is \$80 per child, \$95 for late signup after July 9. For questions, contact Amy Bernard at: paruncamp@yahoo.com or 548-7470.



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